Mr. C. J. Mathew.—If a fresh question is put, Government can give the answer. If you want this very question to be answered in the next meeting, fresh notice must be given.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will it be possible for the Government to place it on the table this afternoon ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—No.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Why ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Because it is not possible to look up all the files and furnish an answer within such a short time.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know if a fresh question is put about all the Councils will the Government be pleased to place on the Council table all the resolutions regarding which the question is put ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Certainly—yes.

Motions moved and passed.

463. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to print and place on the table a full statement containing.

(a) the subject matter of all motions moved by non-Officials and passed by the Council ;

(b) the names of the movers ;

(c) the dates of passing the motions ;

(d) the action taken by the Government with respect to each motion passed by the Council ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—(a), (b), (c) and (d) The question cannot be answered, as it does not specify any particular period.

Resolutions moved, withdrawn, etc.

464. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to print and place on the table:—

(a) a list of resolutions moved in the Council and withdrawn by the movers as a result of the Government accepting them in the Council ;

(b) the names of the movers ;

(c) the dates of moving the resolutions ;

(d) the action taken by the Government in each case ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The question cannot be answered unless the period for which the information is sought, is specified.

Time between registry of a question and its reception by the Head of Department.

465. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to the materials of the last three years will the Government be pleased to state the longest number of days that has elapsed between the registry

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of a question in the Council Office and its reception by the respective departmental officers for answering?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—It has not been possible to collect the information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know why it was not possible to collect the information?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Because it is a very laborious process to furnish an answer to this question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will not the answer show that the delay was caused in the Council office?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—No. I may assure the Member that there has been absolutely no delay in this office.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—If the answer was furnished to this question would not that answer have shown the delay, if any, that has been caused in the Council office so far as the sending of the question to the Huzur office is concerned?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I said there was no delay here. How could the answer show something else?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—That depends upon the answer.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The answer is always based upon facts. If the question had been furnished, it would have shown there was no delay at all in my office.

Instances not giving information, etc.

466. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of instances wherein they refused to give information on the ground that no public good was, or sufficient and proportional public good was not, served by it, ever since the Cochin Legislative Council was formed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government do not think it necessary to collect the information asked for as it will serve no purpose commensurate with the labour involved.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know the grounds on which the Government gave this answer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The grounds are there. No further ground has to be adduced.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it not in the purview of the intention of this question that so far as questions in which Government wanted to shelve any criticism on them....

President.—That is not a supplementary question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Government wanted to shelve any unpleasantness that may be included in this, was not that point in the mind of the questioner when the question was put?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government never did that. Any number of questions are answered here and from the

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